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SUBJ: JOURNALISTS INVITED TO ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL DAY OBSERVANCE

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1. TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT DAVID OTTAWAY ARRIVED IN ADDIS SEPT 11 BY INVITATION ON 30-DAY VISA FROM ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT (EPMG), DESPITE HIS EXPULSION FROM ETHIOPIA LAST APRIL. ON SEP 7, EPMG REQUESTED POST SEND OTTAWAY TO COVER CELEBRATION. JOURNALISTS KAUFMAN FOR NY TIMES AND PRINGLE FOR NEWSWEEK, AS WELL AS NBC REPORTER TOM ACKERMAN WITH CAMERAMAN, WERE ALSO INVITED AT EPMG EXPENSE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS EPMG HAS SCHEDULED 3-4 DAY PROGRAM FOR INVITED JOURNALISTS (15-16 ALTOGETHER) TO INCLUDE INTERVIEWS WITH EPMG FOREIGN MINISTER AND PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL BEING SELECTIVE IN DETERMINING WHO CAN COME, EPMG INCLUSION OF WESTERN MEDIA REPS INDICATIVE OF GRADUAL RECOGNITION OF NEED FOR GREATER WESTERN UNDERSTANDING OF REVOLUTION, AS WELL AS EFFORT TO AVOID TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON SOVIET BLOC REPORTAGE.

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WE HAVE NO IDEA WHY EPMG DECIDED TO RELENT ON OTTAWAY ALL OF A SUDDEN, BUT OTTAWAY ASSURES US IT WAS THEIR INITIATIVE, NOT HIS.
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